CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA
NOVEMBER 2, 2021 - CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

INVOCATION
Reverend Peter Kang of the St. Peter's Episcopal Church gave the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Councilmember Soto led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER
Mayor Patino reconvened the meeting and called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL:
MEMBERS PRESENT:
Mayor Alice Patino, Councilmember Mike Cordero, Councilmember Carlos Escobedo, Councilmember Gloria Soto, and Councilmember Etta Waterfield

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:
City Manager Jason Stilwell, City Attorney Thomas Watson, Solid Waste Manager Heriberto Cantu, Code Enforcement Supervisor Joylyn Castaing, Assistant City Manager Andrew Hackleman, Director of Finance Mary Harvey, Chief Information Officer Jeffrey Marecic, Director of Public Works/City Engineer Kevin McCune, Director of Community Development Chuen Ng, Director of Recreation & Parks Alex Posada, Community Programs Manager Rosie Rojo, Recreation & Parks Department Secretary Sheila Rothstein, Chief of Police Marc Schneider, Director of Utilities Shad Springer, Fire Chief Todd Tuggle, and Chief Deputy City Clerk Rhonda White

1 COMMENDATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS
Mayor Patino indicated that the "Fill the Boot for MDA Day" Proclamation (Item 1D) would be presented first.

A. Councilmember Soto presented a Proclamation recognizing November 13, 2021, as "Fill the Boot for MDA Day" in the City of Santa Maria, and encouraging all residents and businesses to support the efforts of the local Firefighters for the Muscular Dystrophy Association. Santa Maria Fire Engineer Nick La Monica accepted the Proclamation.

B. Councilmember Cordero presented a Retirement Resolution to Police Sergeant Alfredo Ruiz.

Action: Adopt a Resolution commending Police Sergeant Alfredo Ruiz for his 22 years of outstanding service to the City of Santa Maria and congratulating him on his retirement. ***Moved by Councilmember Cordero, seconded by Councilmember Waterfield. Motion carried. Adopted as Resolution No. 2021-121. 5-0.***

C. Councilmember Waterfield presented a Retirement Resolution to Police Officer Rafael Torres.

Action: Adopt a Resolution commending Police Officer Rafael Torres for his 24 years of outstanding service to the City of Santa Maria and congratulating him on his retirement. ***Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Escobedo. Motion carried. Adopted as Resolution No. 2021-122. 5-0.***

D. Mayor Patino presented a Proclamation in memory of Agatha Noel Shorter-Lewis for her leadership, contributions, and positive influence on everyone she met through her many years of public service. Ms. Shorter-Lewis' niece, Danielle Chambers, accepted the Proclamation on her behalf.

2 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
Gary Hall, Lisa Casillas-Siemsen, Eileen Armijo, Frank Thompson, Andrea Mayfield, Esther Jensen, and Stephen Siemsen spoke in favor of a mobile homeowners' rent stabilization Ordinance.

Steve Malfo and Bill Burress spoke in favor of SMART Recycling and asked that the City's recycling contract with them continue.

3 CONSENT CALENDAR
Councilmember Waterfield pulled Items 3E (Solid Waste Ordinance), 3F (Landfill Recycling Park Agreement), and 3G (Landfill Disposal Fees) for comment and separate vote.

3E - Solid Waste Ordinance:
Councilmember Waterfield asked whether the rate increase was a result of State mandates. Director of Utilities Springer confirmed that State mandates were cost drivers in the rate increase.

3F - Landfill Recycling Park Agreement:
Councilmember Waterfield expressed concerns that the RFP process had been confusing, and she encouraged staff to hire the local company, SMART Recycling. Director of Utilities Springer and City Manager Stilwell assured Councilmember Waterfield that the City had followed its standard RFP process and were recommending the contract be awarded to MarBorg, who was vetted fairly, and stating that the contract would save the City at least $308,000, as well as space in the landfill.

3G - Landfill Disposal Fees:
Councilmembers Waterfield and Escobedo indicated they did not previously support the increase and had, and would, continue to vote against it.

Consent Calendar Items 3A-3G (excluding Item 3F) were approved as presented, including the adoption of Ordinance No. 2021-08 and Resolution No. 2021-123. The recorded vote appears with each item below.

Item 3F was not adopted and staff was directed to reject all proposals and issue a new RFP in conformance with the direction from Council.

A. Waive the reading in full of all Ordinances and Resolutions. Ordinances on the Consent Agenda will be adopted by the same vote cast at the first meeting, unless City Council indicates otherwise.

Action: Readings waived.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Cordero.
Motion carried. 5-0.

B. Approve the Minutes of the regular City Council meeting of October 19, 2021.

Action: Minutes adopted as presented.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Cordero.
Motion carried. 5-0.

C. Payment of Warrants. Ordered ratified subject to having been certified as being in conformity with the budget and having been approved for payment by the Director of Finance.

Action: Warrants ratified.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Cordero.
Motion carried. 5-0.

D. Payment of Payroll. Ordered ratified subject to having been certified by the proper Department Directors, as shown on records on file in the Department of Finance, and having been approved for payment by the Director of Finance.

Action: Payroll ratified.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Cordero.
Motion carried. 5-0.

E. Conduct the second reading and adopt Ordinance No. 2021-08 approving solid waste collection rates commencing on January 1, 2022, and thereafter each July 1 from 2022 through 2025.

Action: Solid Waste collection fees approved.
Moved by Councilmember Soto, seconded by Mayor Patino.
Motion carried. Adopted as Ordinance No. 2021-08. 4-1. Noes: Councilmember Escobedo.

F. A Resolution approving an Agreement for Services for Santa Maria Regional Landfill Recycling Park operations and management.

Action: Staff was directed to reject all proposals and distribute a new Request for Proposals for recycling services that identifies the financial and residual components that can be quantified.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Mayor Patino.
Motion carried. 5-0.

G. Adopt a Resolution authorizing disposal fees for the Santa Maria Regional Landfill effective January 1, 2022.

Action: Disposal fees at the Santa Maria Regional Landfill approved.
Moved by Councilmember Soto, seconded by Mayor Patino.
Motion carried. Adopted as Resolution No. 2021-123. 3-2. Noes: Councilmember Escobedo and Councilmember Waterfield.

4 PUBLIC HEARING

A. **SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT TO THE 2019-2020 FISCAL YEAR ACTION PLAN CDBG-CV FUNDING.** The City Council considered approving a substantial amendment of the Annual Action

Plan for 2019-20 fiscal year which will re-allocate the City's COVID-19 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG-CV) funding. Community Programs Manager Rojo gave a presentation as detailed in the Council Agenda Report.

Public Hearing
Mayor Patino opened the public hearing, and having no requests to speak, immediately closed it at 7:42 p.m.

Action: The substantial amendment of the Annual Action Plan for the Fiscal Year 2019-20 to re-allocate the City's COVID-19 Community Development Block Grant Funding was approved with $1,100,000 to the City of Santa Maria Wi-Fi Project, $150,500 to the Boys & Girls Club Outdoor Basketball Court, and $104,379.62 to the City of Santa Maria General Administration, as presented.
Moved by Councilmember Escobedo, seconded by Councilmember Soto.
Motion carried. Formal approval of the amendment will be presented on December 7, 2021, in the form of a Resolution to ratify the amendment. 5-0.

5 REGULAR BUSINESS

A. **SBCAG/COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA BROADBAND.** The City Council received a presentation from Marjie Kirn, Executive Director of Santa Barbara County Association of Governments, and Dr. Bill Simmons with the Broadband Consortium on a regional broadband strategic plan for Santa Barbara County and considered approval of a Memorandum of Understanding and financial contribution for participation in a regional broadband strategic plan as detailed in the Council Agenda Report.

Action: Adopt a Resolution approving a Memorandum of Understanding with Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG), County of Santa Barbara, and the cities of Santa Barbara, Santa Maria, Lompoc, Goleta, Carpinteria, Guadalupe, Solvang, and Buellton to include a financial contribution of $69,810.05 from America Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding to participate in a regional broadband strategic plan.
Moved by Councilmember Soto, seconded by Councilmember Cordero.
Motion carried. Adopted as Resolution No. 2021-124. 5-0.

B. **ANNUAL CODE ENFORCEMENT UPDATE.** The City Council received an annual update on code enforcement matters pertaining to the Santa Maria Municipal Code. Code Enforcement Supervisor Castaing gave a presentation as detailed in the Council Agenda Report.

Action: Update received and filed.

C. **POLICY GUIDANCE TO THE CALIFORNIA CITIZENS REDISTRICTING COMMISSION.** The City Council considered providing policy guidance to the California Citizens Redistricting Commission relating to district boundaries for California's Congressional, State Senate, and State Assembly. City Manager Stilwell gave a presentation as detailed in the Council Agenda Report.

Action: Adopt a Resolution providing policy guidance to the California Citizens Redistricting Commission regarding the designation of District boundaries.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Escobedo.
Motion carried. Adopted as Resolution No. 2021-125. 4-1. Noes: Councilmember Soto.

D. **FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE FIRST QUARTER**. The City Council received the Financial Report for the first quarter ending September 30, 2021. Director of Finance Harvey gave a presentation as detailed in the Council Agenda Report.

Action: Report received and filed.

REPORT BY CITY MANAGER

City Manager Stilwell reported that the water bond sale approved at the last meeting had been completed that morning and staff anticipated a savings to the City of approximately $12.7 million over the life of the bonds which is $1.9 million more than approved by City Council. The next regular City Council meeting would be November 16, 2021. Items on the agenda would include a Closed Session and a community presentation.

ORAL REPORTS OF COUNCILMEMBERS AND OFFICERS (INCLUDING AB1234 REPORTS)

Councilmembers Cordero, Soto, and Escobedo reported they attended the State of the City presentation.

Councilmember Waterfield had no AB1234 reporting.

Mayor Patino reported she attended the State of the City presentation; the SBCAG and APCD monthly board meetings; and the Marian Foundation Board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT
There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Patino declared the City Council meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m. in memory of Sue Sword.

Approved at a regular meeting on November 16, 2021.

Rhonda M. White, CMC
Chief Deputy City Clerk and ex officio Clerk
of the City Council

ATTEST:

11/30/2021

Rhonda M. White, CMC
Chief Deputy City Clerk

Alice M. Patino
Mayor of the City of Santa Maria